

CORTELYOU FOR CABINET

President Will Give Portfolio to White House Secretary. CHINESE MINISTER COMING IN STATE

NEW AMBASSADOR WILL HAVE SEVENTEEN COLLEAGUES OF DISTINGUISHED FAMILIES TO SERVE HIM IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The president has signed the Department of Commerce bill and the general staff bill. It is well understood that George B. Cortelyou, secretary to the president, will be appointed secretary of the new department of Commerce. His appointment will be sent to the senate by the president early next week, perhaps on Monday, and it is not likely there will be any delay in its confirmation.

It is not improbable that in the announcement of the supplementary legislation the president may send to the senate the appointment of some of the important officials of the new department. It is regarded as particularly desirable that the preliminary work of organizing the department be entered upon as soon as practicable.

Many important details will have to be worked out before the bureau, already in operation in other departments, are transferred to the new department. The transfer of the existing bureau will not take place formally until the close of the present fiscal year, June 30.

Coincident with the qualification of Mr. Cortelyou as secretary of the department, Mr. William Loeb, Jr., will become secretary to the president.

He is at present first assistant secretary to the president. For several years he has been the private secretary to Mr. Roosevelt, serving him in that capacity while he was governor of New York and vice president.

It is understood that few changes will be made in the White House force, other than those indicated. R. F. Barnes, now assistant secretary to the president, will take up the duties now performed by Mr. Loeb and the president will designate another not yet selected to take Mr. Barnes' place.

Commissioner Rogers a Decision. The Interstate Commerce Commission today decided on the matter of the rates and practices of the Mobile & Ohio railroad in the transportation of grain to Vicksburg, Miss., shipped from or through St. Louis and East St. Louis, Ill.

It is held that a published tariff regulation permitting grain to be shipped through from point of origin to final destination, with a stopover privilege in East St. Louis for cleaning, sacking or other legitimate purposes, the shipment covering proportional or balance of a through rate from East St. Louis, is not shown to be objectionable in this case. The shipment, however, of grain to East St. Louis on a local rate and forwarding from there as a new shipment on a 12-cent proportional rate to Vicksburg and common points, is objected to by the commission as a violation of the 11-cent local rate from East St. Louis to both destinations.

Representative Dick (O.) today introduced a bill providing that the superintendent of the Naval Academy shall make such rules, subject to the approval of the secretary of the navy as will effectually prevent hazing.

The bill further provides that any midshipman found guilty of hazing shall be summarily expelled and shall not be eligible for re-admission to the academy or a commanding officer of the army or navy until two years after the graduation of the class of which he was a member.

Large Celestial Suite. The Chinese News Mail, just arrived here, contains interesting details respecting the suite the new minister, Sir Cheng Tung Liang Cheng, is bringing to Washington.

This suite comprises seventeen persons, and is absolutely unique not only in size, but in its personality. Besides these seventeen persons, the new minister is bringing with him twelve young men, of whom ten are coming to study in this country at their own expense, including the grandson and two grand nephews of the Chinese grand secretary, Sun Chai Nai, formerly chancellor of the Peking university and imperial tutor to the present emperor of China.

The suite referred to differs from that which China sends to any other country, as many of the members are actors of the most distinguished families in the country. Only a few short years ago the Chinese considered an appointment to a foreign court only fit for "second-class" people.

Congressman Cousins Is Well. Representative Robert G. Cousins (Pa.), who underwent two operations last fall, has returned to Washington from Chicago, where the surgeons made a final examination and pronounced him sound.

Declines Three Invitations. President Roosevelt received three invitations, all of which he was obliged to account of his western trip to decline. They were to attend the banquet to be held in Baltimore on June 14, the ceremony incident to the laying of the cornerstone of

THE INDIANAPOLIS FEDERAL BUILDING SOME TIME BETWEEN MARCH 15 AND APRIL 1, AND THE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT St. JOHNSBURY, Vt.

Presidential Nominations. The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Lieutenant Colonel G. H. Ernest, corps of engineers, United States Army, to be a member of the Mississippi River commission.

POSTMASTERS: JONES, L. H. Henry, Charles City; Edwin W. McCracken, Seward; Kansas, Joseph C. Kitchin, Garden City; John K. Cochran, Pratt; Charles W. Davis, Conway Springs; Isaac S. Coe, La Harpe; South Dakota, William A. Downie, Mitchell.

IN MEMORY OF THE MAINE

Some Difference of Opinion as to Whether Memorial Exercises Should Be Held.

HAVANA, Feb. 14.—Difference of opinion exists among Americans of the propriety of holding memorial exercises at the wreck of the battleship Maine tomorrow, the fifth anniversary of its destruction. Some believe it is impossible to hold the exercises in foreign ports where so many Spaniards reside. Mr. Squiers has declined the invitation of the committee which called on him today and asked him to be present.

Mr. Squiers took the ground that while the exercises were appropriate and proper in themselves, the possibility of giving offense to those who are now friends of the United States by stirring up memories of the past ought to be avoided.

The suggestion, therefore, will not be repeated. General Roubin, however, has accepted an invitation and American launches and the United States Artillery band will participate in the exercises.

President Palma and the members of his cabinet have been invited and have notified the committee that they would be present, as would the government's launches. The committee says the exercises will not be ostentatious or offensive and will consist simply of a memorial service.

PALMA IS READY TO SIGN

Only a Few Minor Changes Are Suggested in Coaling Station Agreement.

HAVANA, Feb. 14.—President Palma is ready to sign the naval coaling station agreement on receipt of President Roosevelt's approval of certain minor changes which were called to Washington today. If a reply is received in time Minister Squier will sail for New York this afternoon, carrying with him the signed agreement for President Roosevelt's signature.

The object of Mr. Squier's visit to Washington is to confer with the authorities there with reference to the permanent treaty between the United States and Cuba which will cover the sovereignty over the Isle of Pines and any other outstanding questions, and in which also will be incorporated all the features of the Platt amendment, in accordance with the desire of the Cuban government, which prefers that these be embodied in the permanent treaty.

NATIVES ARE BADLY PUNISHED

Three Hundred Are Killed by a British Expedition in West-Central Africa.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Advises received here from Nigeria say the British punitive expedition commanded by Colonel Morland, consisting of 1,200 men of the West African frontier force, occupied Kano February 11 after sharp fighting. Only two British officers were wounded. The enemy lost heavily, but the city was unharmed.

An official dispatch to the Colonial office adds that two of the British rank and file were wounded and that 300 of the enemy were killed. The emir fled to Sokoto. The expedition was started on January 15 in consequence of the menacing attitude of the emir of Kano, a powerful Mohammedan ruler of Northern Nigeria, who had placed a price on the head of Captain Abadie, the British resident consul at Gwarinza, capital of Ziguinchor, in central Africa.

QUADT GIVEN A VACATION

Leave of Absence Has Nothing to Do with Action in Venezuela Matter.

BERLIN, Feb. 14.—Count Quadt, secretary of the German embassy at Washington, will be granted a leave of absence and the government here, having taken into cognizance adverse statements circulating in the United States and anticipating that his leave may be misinterpreted, informs the Associated Press that it is in no sense a Venezuelan matter.

MACEDONIANS ARE ARRESTED

Government Decides to Dissolve Committee and Leaders Are Placed in Custody.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 14.—President Michaelovski of the Central Macedonian committee, General Zoucheff, the vice president, President Blazhevich of the Banat-Macedonian committee and many others have been arrested.

EXPECT LADRONES TO FIGHT

Philippine Constabulary Preparing to Route Out Bandits, Fear Serious Opposition.

MANILA, Feb. 14.—A constabulary movement under Colonel Scott against the Ladrones of Bulacan and Rizal provinces is imminent. Five companies of scouts have been ordered to participate in the operations.

MEETING CAUSES NO DISORDER

LONDON, Feb. 14.—A much advertised mass meeting of the unemployed of this city passed off very quietly at Trafalgar Square today. About 2,000 persons out of work were present, but the assemblage was entirely devoid of the aggregation of police and spectators. The meeting passed a resolution demanding work and declared that the proposed investigation of the national food supply in time of war should not be undertaken until the government relieved the famine now existing in time of peace. The unemployed people are preparing a petition for February 17, when the king will open Parliament.

SUGAR BREEDS DEBATE

Proposed Philippine Tariff Reduction Provokes Lively Senate Discussion.

PATTERSON FEARS FOR BEET INDUSTRIES

Carmack Says Bill Was Only Reported After Oxnard Had Agreed that It Would Do the Trick No Harm.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The senate today listened to the reading of the Indian appropriation bill and spent some time in the consideration of that measure. It was not, however, finally disposed of and will be taken up again on Monday. The rest of the day was mainly given over to edification of late members of the house, including Charles Q. Russell of Connecticut, Joshua S. Salmon of New Jersey, Amos J. Cummings of New York and R. O. Crump of Mississippi.

During the day Mr. Smith (R. I.) sought to secure consideration of his national bank securities bill and Mr. Lodge (Mass.) of the house bill amending the Philippine tariff law. Both measures went over under objection, but incidentally there was a short, though sharp, controversy over the conditions in the Philippines in connection with the tariff bill. Early in the day Senator Quay (Pa.) presented a resolution expressing the sentiment of the senate that a vote should be taken on the question of the tariff bill before March 1, but the resolution went over until Monday.

The house amendments made to the Elkins anti-rebate bill were applied to without discussion. This complex congressional action upon the bill and it now goes to the president.

In order that he might not come into conflict with notices by other senators Mr. Quay (Pa.) gave notice that beginning next Monday he would ask the senate to take up the statehood bill each day after the conclusion of the routine morning business.

He then introduced the following resolution, which under the rules went over for a day: Whereas, house bill 11545 to enable the city of Oklahoma to issue bonds for the purpose of forming a city government and state government and to amend an act to provide for an equal footing with the original states, has been under discussion in the senate since the week ending December 14, and must fall unless voted upon at an early date; be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the senate that a date and hour prior to the 30th of March next should be fixed for a final vote upon the bill and all amendments that have been offered thereon.

Mr. Quay then asked to have the statehood bill taken up when this was complied with gave way to Mr. Stewart (Nev.) to bring up the Indian appropriation bill. The bill was read and most of the committee amendments were agreed to.

Philippine Tariff Discussed. Mr. Lodge (Mass.) called up the Philippine tariff bill. This bill as passed by the house fixed the rates on Philippine products coming into this country at 25 per cent of the Dingley rates instead of 75 per cent, as at present. The senate committee amended the bill by granting free trade in all products except sugar and tobacco, on which a duty equal to 10 per cent of the Dingley rates were imposed.

Mr. Foraker (O.) objected, saying any action less liberal than that proposed by the house would result disastrously. Mr. Lodge appeared to Mr. Foraker to consent to the change, so without it it would be impossible to get any reduction bill through.

Personally he was favorable to the house bill, but in view of the conditions in the Philippines he thought it would be absolutely cruelty to fail to act.

Mr. Patterson (Colo.) called attention to the fact that the Philippines were capable of producing large enough quantities of sugar to destroy the beet sugar industry as well as the Philippine products coming into this country at 25 per cent of the Dingley rates instead of 75 per cent, as at present. The senate committee amended the bill by granting free trade in all products except sugar and tobacco, on which a duty equal to 10 per cent of the Dingley rates were imposed.

PENSION RECORD IS BROKEN

House Passes Money Grants to Mrs. Hemple and Three Hundred and Twenty-Four Others.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The house today passed the sundry civil bill, which has been under consideration since Tuesday, and then broke all previous records in the matter of private pension legislation.

It was the last opportunity of passing pension bills this session and the calendar was cleared, not only of bills, but of senators. In all being passed, three hundred and twelve is the highest previous record, made in the Fifty-first congress.

Among them was a bill to grant a pension of \$30 a month to the widow of the late Representative Rumpel of Iowa, who died about two weeks ago. Mr. Rumpel had a gallant war record, having taken part in over thirty battles and having risen from private to the rank of captain.

LOST IN THUNDER MOUNTAINS

Two Mail Carriers Missing and All Hope that They Are Alive is Abandoned.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 14.—Advises have reached here from Placerville, Idaho, that two Thunder Mountain mail carriers have been lost in the mountains and all hope of their being alive has been abandoned. Charles Haggen was the regular carrier and was accompanied by another carrier on this trip whose name is unknown. Three carriers have arrived and they report snow on an average of eighteen feet deep and in some places thirty-five feet deep.

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Half and Half. The dyspeptic may well be represented as being half masculine and half feminine, and containing the least desirable characteristics of either sex. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures dyspepsia and other diseases of the stomach and associated organs of digestion and nutrition. It restores physical health, and combines with it cheerfulness of temper, and makes life a pleasure instead of a penance.